

Application Serial No.: 10/001,973  
Amendment dated September 22, 2003  
Reply to Office Action dated April 22, 2003

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-11 and 13-25 are presently active in this case, Claims 2, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 21 having been amended by way of this Amendment and Claims 1 and 12 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 15-25 have been indicated as being allowed. Claims 2-9, 13, and 14 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 13 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, the Applicants submit that Claims 2 and 13, and Claims 3-11 and 14 that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Rejected Claims 1 and 12 have been canceled, and rejected Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 13.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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